

The FAA has a long history of bogus assertions to justify their policies. They have a mandate to support public safety and to support the airline industry. When these dual mandates have been in conflict, the FAA has chosen to support the industry's interests to the detriment of public safety. This has been evident in their continuing reluctance to change the flight and duty times for aircrews, and in their lax oversight of airline maintenance. It is also evident in their continuing fraudulent remarks in support of the Age 60 rule. In spite of the results of their own research (the Hilton Study which they commissioned in 1993) the FAA continues to maintain that the Age 60 rule is a safety issue. It is not, but rather a capitulation to the power of the Airline Pilots Association (ALPA), and the Airline Transport Association (ATA), and the political and public relations power they wield. The public interest would be better served if the FAA would simply stop lying to Congress and the courts, and speak the truth about what motivations they have for their policies.